

July 21, 2009

City Council Members,

RE: S I D 1514

I am writing this letter to protest the above S I D 1514 project as I will be out of state for the August 5, 2009 meeting.

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WHY this project...WHY NOW?

When I asked WHY this project and WHY now...

I was told that the traffic in the area  
has increased so much that the SAWTOOTH road that fronts my property  
needs to be fixed, as well as,

widening the road that fronts my property on the adjacent street.

When I asked if there had been an IMPACT TRAFFIC STUDY

done to support the reasoning for this project,

I was told NO SUCH STUDY has been done.

I find that to be incomprehensible!

The majority of the cost of this project will be paid for by

ONLY THREE PROPERTY OWNERS

of which I will bear the brunt of the cost

for the 'benefit' of people who use these roads,

but these people are not being asked to pay a dime

for the improved roads upon which they will travel!

THE NO CUT RULE

There's also the NO CUT rule...which states that if I choose NOT to have

laterals for WATER and SEWER run to my land now

at an EXTRA cost \$\$\$\$\$\$ (yet to be determined)

no one can cut the asphalt

for FIVE years after completion of this project...

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When this revelation is combined with the \$\$\$\$\$\$ lien  
which will already be against the property, NO potential buyer would be  
interested in this parcel...except, as I mentioned earlier, should I or my heirs be forced to practically 'give it  
away'.

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If I don't pay the full amount within thirty days of demand by the City..

I may pay it off bi-annually over a twenty year period

PLUS INTEREST.

I will also be paying yearly taxes on this property.

So, I will be expected to pay \$\$\$\$\$\$ per year for twenty years to get this lien removed from said property.

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Mr. Clark, the appraiser hired by the City to write the

Cost Analysis for this project (compiled in December 2008), shows this completed project will benefit my  
property by little more than the amount I'm expected to pay for my assessment. Mr. Clark also says my property  
will be worth FOUR TIMES more than the amount that the Realtor I contacted recently said the property would  
sell for at this time.

If the City stands behind Mr.Clark's in depth analyses

of the values of my property (before & after improvements),

then I invite the City to buy my land for the 'before' price.

If the real market value (as of December '08) is, in fact, more realistically in the MUCH lower range quoted by  
the Realtor, then

I contend that the assessment will be a great burden to me and is unreasonable.

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I met with Mike Thompson and Patrick Murphy on Thursday, June 4, 2009 regarding this proposed project.

I spoke briefly with Mr. Reese (in person) and Dr.Tarkanian (via telephone) regarding this matter.

I called the office of Mr. Ross and spoke with his assistant only.

I have been unable to speak with Mr. Barlow even though I've called

and left messages and my telephone number more than twice.

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I have written this letter because I want you all to know  
this proposed project has caused me great distress  
and will impact me, my mother and sister negatively  
if a majority of you vote to go forth with this project.

Please vote NO  
to SID 1514 at this time.

Peggy McElrath